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5. [redacted] While on the hill, I saw Jack Leaby, of the State Department, who reported to me that the Senate Foreign Relations Committee had held hearings on the Communications Act amendment this morning. George Bell and Admiral Kertiz testified. Leaby said the hearings went well and only one problem remains. The Committee has asked the Department to obtain written statements from the three major commercial communications carriers that they would not object to this amendment. Leaby feels that although the companies have said they would not object, it would be awkward to obtain a written statement from them to this effect.

Leaby was on his way to meet Kurt Borchardt, House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee staff, to discuss hearings in the House on this amendment and at his request I accompanied him. Borchardt said he thought the House Committee could set the bill for hearings on 2 July and agreed to talk to Chairman Harris about a specific time. Borchardt is aware of the Agency's interest in the legislation and the fact that we do not propose to testify on the bill. He commented that they would be happier not knowing of any CIA secrets. Leaby is to provide Borchardt with some written material on State's presentation.

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